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Night of Storm

ON THE EVENING of July 20, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was hit by the worst storm in the history of the city. Everywhere throughout the city trees were blown down and windows smashed by the almost-100-mile-an-hour winds that struck from the north. The storm came suddenly. Not even the weatherman was ready for it.

When the storm swept across the city to the southwest side of town, eight-year-old Jimmy Shaw looked with awe at the clouds of dust and the bending trees before he ran into his home. During the height of the storm, Jimmy's parents, Dr. and Mrs. John B. Shaw, were concerned not only about their home, but also about the new house they are building on the southern outskirts of Fort Wayne. Both houses are surrounded by trees and the constant crackling of falling trees added to the anxious conversation in the Shaw home. Jimmy had gone to his room.

WHEN THE STORM had subsided, the Shaws called to Jimmy to come with them to see the condition of their new ho To their amazement, when they walked side their home, every tree on the block those around their home had either uprooted or had lost a branch or two.

As they went on their way to their house, going up one street and down other to avoid fallen trees and broken w Mrs. Shaw said anxiously to her husb "I hope nothing has happened to the ho

Then Jimmy broke his silence. "D worry, Mother," he said. "All during storm I prayed that God would pr our houses. I think He did."

When the Shaws finally came to new house, they found it unscratched. one tree on their property had been aged. Strange, because every other b property around the Shaw's new h showed the marks of devastation.

Strange? Maybe not. You see, Ji had taken seriously what he had been ta at home and at Trinity English Luth Church—about prayer.

—RALPH RYBE

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

World Council speaks to Russians

It might be worth while to try drilling some holes in the Iron Curtain, it was agreed at the World Council of Churches assembly in Evanston. Visits back and forth of representatives of the churches "in those countries between which tensions exist" might "strengthen the bonds of fellowship and promote the reconciliation of nations," said the Council.

This month the Council's proposal had reached Moscow. Two Council spokesmen, Bishop Otto Dibelius and Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, saw Archbishop Boris of the Russian Orthodox Church on Oct. 18 in Berlin. He promised to forw the Evanston resolutions on internati affairs to the Patriarch of Moscow. Patriarch, chief official of the Rus Orthodox Church, was asked to "c sider ways" of communicating the s ment to his government.

The World Council's statement, sides proposing top-level visiting churchmen, appealed "to statesmen leaders of public opinion and the p to refrain from words and actions w are designed to inflame enmity hatred" and to "look for ways by w fear and suspicion can be removed."

LUTHER ON BROADWAY. Big sign (41 feet high) in New York City's Times Sq advertises "Martin Luther" film. Workmen blank out Rodgers and Hammerstein ad (and begin work on "Luther" (center). Completed sign (right) tells crowds on Broad about "popular price" presentation of "Luther" throughout America this wi Film's publicity engineers, Borden Mace, Henry Endress discuss tactics (see page

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TWO SMASH MUSICALS
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A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY WITH
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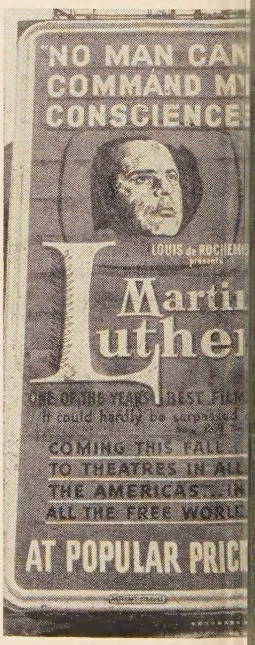


refugee arrives

iss Christine Lahm arrived by plane etroit in mid-October, the first Euro- to reach the U.S. with the help of Lutheran Refugee Service according e terms of a law enacted by Con- in 1953. The law provides for ad- nce of 209,000 refugees.

latives in Detroit were eager to pro- Miss Lahm a home (and pay her fare from Europe). But it had n months to clear her way through complex security restrictions of the U.S. law. Miss Lahm, a Yugoslav, imprisoned by Communists in 1944, sent to Russia as a mine laborer. years later she escaped to Austria, oo late to come to the U.S. with her nts who were permitted to immigrate Ps.

our thousand refugees may reach the through efforts of the Lutheran gee Service in the next six or eight hs, said Dr. Cordelia Cox. Twenty-five area committees have found Americans who will guarantee homes and jobs for that number, and are looking for more sponsors.

Germans are dedicated to Mary

There was sputtering among Protestants in Germany after Roman Catholic Cardinal Frings announced he had dedicated "the whole German people" to the "immaculate heart of Mary."

Lutheran Bishop Hans Meiser of Bavaria said the Roman Catholic gesture "offends the religious feeling of Protestants" and might "endanger religious peace in our nation." The bishop said "we respect and honor the biblical Mary. But to put Mary next to Jesus Christ as mediator and co-redeemer is to destroy the biblical picture of the mother of Jesus."

Pope dedicates the world

The whole human race is to be consecrated to "the immaculate heart of Mary"

and there is to be a new festival day for annual renewal of the consecration, Pope Pius XII announced in late October. The festival is to be May 31.

Roman Catholic devotion to Mary was criticized by Bishop Luxton of the Church of England in Canada at the autumn synod meeting in the Huron diocese. "This departure from apostolic faith and practice," said Bishop Luxton, "this heresy which is distorting the faith of one of the old churches of Christendom, must be greatly disturbing to every Christian who still clings to the hope that some day we shall all be one.

"It is sad to see our neighbors of Rome widening the breach between us."

End of American Lutheran Conference

United Lutherans were startled in 1930 when five of the eight member-churches of the National Lutheran Council formed an organization, the American Lutheran Conference, from which the ULC was excluded. This month the Conference is to be dissolved, since four of its member-churches have reached the last stages in planning for merger.

Last meeting of the Conference is scheduled Nov. 10 in Minneapolis. On Nov. 11 and 12 a "free conference" is planned, which any Lutheran may attend on an "entirely unofficial basis." Theme will be "Our common ground and our common task." Among speakers announced are Dr. Alvin Rogness (Evangelical Lutheran Church), Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz (United Lutheran Church), Dr. C. Umhau Wolf (American Lutheran Church), and Dr. Julius Gockel (Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod).

Southern Baptists invade Canada

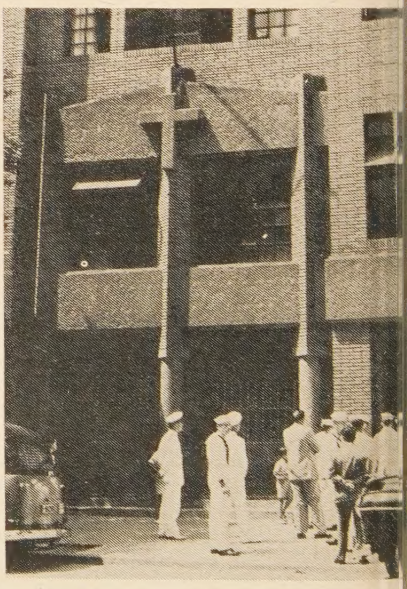
Southern Baptists had long ago broken out of their Dixit heartland, planting churches over much Northern Baptist territory. They have now "decided to encourage the organization of Bap churches in Canada . . . in areas ready well served by Canadian Bap churches," the Baptist Union of Wes Canada reported.

Canadian Baptists said the "move weaken relationships which for m years have been established on the p ciples of respect and co-operation." Watson Kirkconnel, president of Canadian Baptist group, wrote a lette protest to the Southern Baptists.

The 1,500-member First Ba Church of Huntington Park, Califor left the northern U.S. group (the Am can Baptist Convention), and joined Southern Baptist Convention last mo University Baptist Church in Tuc Arizona, went the opposite way, can ing its Southern Baptist connection uniting with the American Baptists.

Americans find churches in Spain

Protestant chapels may exist in S so long as they don't advertise that



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Last month the government re-
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ed extravagant in the amount it was
ling in foreign missions. Baptist for-
budget in 1955 is $7,140,000. All Lutheran groups in the U.S., supporting work in 25 countries, are spending $4,520,660 this year, reported Dr. Andrew S. Burgess.

The Burgess statistics, compiled for the Lutheran Foreign Missions Conference of America, placed the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod in first place in 1954 expenditures, with $1,253,132 allotted for work in 18 countries. United Lutherans are spending $1,110,062 in seven countries, according to the Burgess figures.

Christians face intense competition from Communists and Moslems in their missionary work, Dr. Burgess said. "Communism and Islam are missionary from start to finish." They rival Christianity "in quest for men's loyalties."

Poor Clares close their doors

Strictest of the Roman Catholic sisterhoods, the order of St. Clare, closed the

BARCELONA'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DRAWS AMERICAN SEAMEN
Protestant houses of worship are rarely photographed

doors of their new monastery at Bloomington, Minnesota, in late October, after permitting visitors to inspect the new building on dedication day. The nuns, who wear coarse brown clothing and no shoes, pray eight hours a day, sew eight hours, and sleep on boards. Friends may visit them three or four times a year, speaking to them through a latticework window overhung with a black cloth.

Compared with the Poor Clares, the Sisters of the Divine Spirit—a new order of Roman Catholic nuns with temporary headquarters at Mt. Pocono, Pa.—are revolutionary. They wear a "new look" garb (oxford gray skirt, loose-fitting jacket, nylon stockings). They will be assigned to teaching and social work and will be allowed to drive automobiles.

Nuns of four Roman Catholic orders in the U.S. have abandoned traditional sisterhood garbs with the starched white bibs and many-pleated skirts. Daughters of the Holy Ghost wear white orlon. "We wear what is the most practical, efficient, and fitting for the work we do," said Mother Celestine Mary of the Xaverian Missionaries of Mary, Petersham, Mass.

Argument about Episcopal convention

The presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, seemed considerably ruffled by criticism of his decision to schedule his church's 1955 general convention in Honolulu.

Some letters he has received, he said, "can best be described as throwing pop bottles at the umpire when the game is over."

Some critics describe Hawaii "as a sort of millionaires' paradise," the bishop reports, and complain about the high cost of going there for a convention. To offset travel costs, said the bishop, delegates may have free rooms at the University of Hawaii or in private homes, and pay less than usual for meals.

Decision to hold the convention Hawaii was made in June, when it become plain that racial segrega would be a problem if the original to meet in Houston, Texas, were car through.

Released time for teachers

A Massachusetts court will be a to decide this week whether public sc districts have authority to close sch so teachers may attend a religious ed tion conference. Taxpayers brought injunction in New Bedford and Fairh to prevent the school holiday.

The New England regional cong of a Roman Catholic organization, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, been scheduled in New Bedford on 11. Public schools were to be clo Protestants, in seeking an injun against the school holiday, pointed that released-time dismissal of sc pupils for religious instruction is lim to one hour a week.

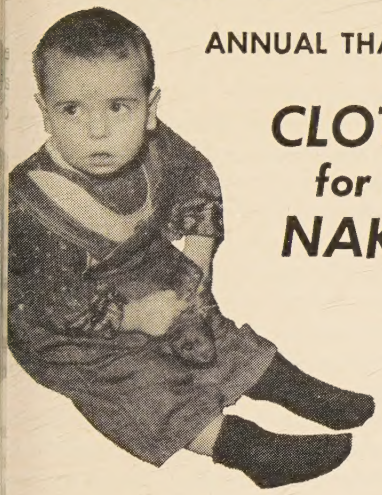
Some of the Confraternity sess were scheduled to be held in school b ings, and had to be shifted elsew when school closing was refused. H ing of the case was to take place No in the Bristol County Superior Cou

Clothing called for

Thanksgiving appeal for cloth sponsored by Lutheran World Relief, aim at filling 15,000-pound railroad cars in many sections of the U.S. "C the clothing you have given has serve a direct answer to prayer," said Bernard A. Confer, in announcing appeal this month. "Clothing meets man needs, and at the same strengthens the hand of the church Christian lands like Germany, heathen lands like Korea," he said.

Let Brotherly Love Continue!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CLOTHING APPEAL



CLOTHES for the NAKED!

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st November the clothing collection nted to 1,311 tons. The total in- d the supplies gathered by congre- ns of the Lutheran Church—Mis- Synod. This month Missouri Lu- ns will again co-operate with Na- l Lutheran Council churches. "This ifies the shipping problem and saves ipping costs," said the Rev. Werner z of the Missouri Synod.

othing will be collected at Phillips- N. J.; New Windsor, Md.; Nap- , Ind.; San Antonio, Minneapolis, Angeles, and Oakland. Wherever car- collections are made for shipment y of these points, Lutheran World f will pay the freight charges.

pplies gathered this month will be ed to Germany, Austria, Trieste, slavia, Jordan, Syria, Korea, and osa. Most of the clothing will be to refugees.

so forth

wish synagogues are winning 2,000 converts a year in the U.S., Rabbi David Eichhorn estimates. Most converts are gained through mixed marriages. At least 80 per cent of non-Jews being converted to Judaism are women. Rabbis receive converts into their synagogues after an average of four months of instruction.

Marriages between Roman Catholics and non-Catholics in Ontario increased from 5,551 in 1951 to 5,678 in 1952, the provincial government reported. There were 237 Lutheran women marrying Roman Catholic men, and 284 Lutheran men marrying Roman Catholic women.

Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson of the Church of God was a candidate for the U.S. presidency on the "Peace on Earth" ticket in 1952. The Binghamton, New York, Church of God followed the bishop through his political adventures, but broke with him last month when he put on a crown and royal robes and called himself "King of All Nations of Men." There is no scriptural warrant for that, said the Binghamton pastor.

World News Notes

Nehru visits the Reds

During the week when nations of western Europe were completing their plan to bring a rearmed West Germany into a military alliance against the Soviet Union, India's Premier Nehru made his first visit to China.

At the dinner table in China's capital city, Nehru said that "my visit here has some sort of historical significance. Human beings are greater than politicians. Between us, we have nearly a billion of them. In the end, human beings are the only thing that counts."

The two countries, India and China, have a third of the world's population, and their people are the world's poorest. Only recently ended are the long years when they endured political or economic dependence on the West, and they are determined to permit no more of that.

Nehru, with his plan for neutrality of southeast Asia in the cold war, hopes to persuade China to refrain from aggressive adventures. He has bitterly rejected the anti-Communist alliance the U.S. is building in the Far East. If he has guessed right about what China can be persuaded to do, he may be the foundation builder of a new age in the East. If he has guessed wrong, he will be the man to hold guilty of betraying his own land to a new gang of conquerors.

Humility in Hungary

Ever since the war the propaganda from Hungary had painted a bright picture of a nation getting richer and happier every day. Last month's English-language bulletin, *New Hungary,* said: LIFE GETS EASIER . . . *Real Wages Rise 20 Per cent in Year.*

But suddenly an off-key voice broke through the happy chorus. "We produce too little and our products are poo quality and expensive," said Hunga premier, Imre Nagy. The index of in trial production, he said, has increa 200 per cent. But the living stand of the people are increased only 15 cent.

Nagy was specific in saying who i blame. "Dictatorial leadership by one son," he said, has produced the diffic The person, as everybody knew, is M yas Rakosi. That anyone would dar criticize him obviously meant that day is ended.

Hungary is to go back to large-s food production, and taper off its fra effort to industrialize, it was announ "Our export policy must be based on traditional export products of our culture," said Communist Party res tions recently published.

Elections: East Germany, Guatemala

East Germans went to the polls in tober to elect their "representatives parliament. The candidates got 99.3 cent of the votes. There were no ot to vote for. A few ballots were blan

Communists called it a "truly de cratic election" which, in contrast to "outmoded parliamentary-type syste is without the "petty political qua among parties and free from terro monopolists and militarists."

There was also an election in Gu mala. President Carlos Castillo Ar had called on the voters to approve rule.

Only about one in a thousand v against him, the president announced next day. Nobody was surprised. Vo had to step up, announce their name utter a loud "aye" or "nay" to exp approval of Castillo Armas' nomina

NEW LATTIMORE INDICTMENT

LAST YEAR a grand jury indicted Owen ttimore for perjury, listing seven nts in which they claimed he lied to Senate Internal Security Subcomtee. Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl cted four of the seven counts. He l that they were too vague and subive, and infringed on freedom of ught.

he Justice Department appealed ngdahl's decision. The U.S. Court of peals sustained him in rejecting two of four counts, including the principal : that Lattimore lied in saying he had er been "a sympathizer or any other d of promoter of communism or Comnist interests." The Court of Appeals l that there was no exact definition of term "sympathizer" in the indictment. he Justice Department could have apled to the Supreme Court. Instead, it ided to start from scratch with a new ement of charges. On Oct. 7, a grand returned a two-count perjury indictnt charging that Lattimore lied when told the Senate probers (1) that he not followed the Communist party and (2) that he had not been a proer of Communist interests.

HE NEW INDICTMENT tried to avoid vagueness which had defeated the ner one. It defined "following the mmunist line" as knowingly and intenally following in time and conforming he policies expressed by the governnt of the Soviet Union in regard to tical, diplomatic, military, economic, social matters. It defined "promoting mmunist interests" as intentionally ributing to the growth, enlargement, prosperity of communism by acting further its objectives.

s evidence, the indictment listed quotations from Lattimore's conversations, public statements, and writings purporting to show that he followed the Communist line on such topics as these: (1) the Marxist system is admired for its progress and accomplishments; (2) the Soviet Union is democratic; (3) the Soviets accord equal rights to all minorities; and (4) the Soviet collective system benefits the individual.

Here is an extremely dangerous precedent. Can a person not express sincere but mistaken ideas without being in danger of being haled into court at some later date for "following a line"? To make a charge of perjury stick, the Justice Department will have to show that Lattimore meant the same thing by "following the Communist line" when he denied doing so as they have spelled out in their newly framed definition.

Youngdahl challenged

U.S. ATTORNEY LEO ROVER asked Judge Youngdahl to disqualify himself from considering the new indictment. He charged Youngdahl with "fixed, personal bias and prejudice" in the Lattimore case.

This caused a furore in Washington, where Youngdahl is known as a man of sturdy integrity. In effect, Rover challenged the fairness of the whole court system, since the Court of Appeals sustained Youngdahl on the most important counts. It will be a bad day for American justice when the prosecution can choose a judge favorable to its viewpoint.

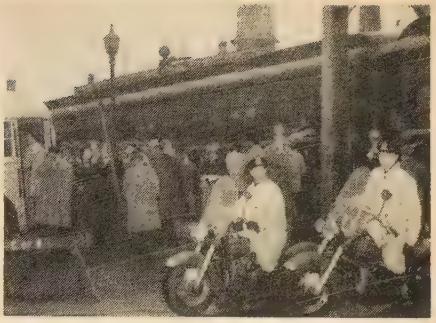
The Lattimore case will be a celebrated one. The principles of intellectual freedom and of judicial integrity are of basic importance. Admiration for Youngdahl's courage in following his conscience will add personal interest for his fellow Lutherans. —ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

A VISIT TO THANKSGIVING

A PICTURE STORY

During the Toronto convention of the United Lutheran Church, nearly 1,200 delega and visitors were transported on a Sunday journey to the "twin cities" of Kitche and Waterloo, about 70 miles distant. The ULC folk attended services in the citi churches, were guests at a Canadian Thanksgiving dinner in the homes of local Luthera participated in a rally at Kitchener's Memorial Auditorium, wound up the day at a yo rally, and returned late in the evening, tired but with a sense of accomplishment.

This picture story of the day's safari (photographed by the Rev. Carl Koppenhav shows delegates boarding special train in the early morning (above). They filled fo teen cars on two trains. One carload of the pilgrims is shown below.



lpon their arrival at Kitchener, guests re met by a fleet of busses and private s (above) and escorted to the churches ich they were to attend by motorcycle ice (above, right). To facilitate the nsfer from train to bus, the railroad s had been marked with the name of church to which the guests were as- ned.

usses to churches in downtown Kitch- r made several trips to accommodate large number of visitors. Private cars transported those persons who were assigned to churches in the suburban areas of Preston, St. Jacob's, Conestoga and Heidelberg.

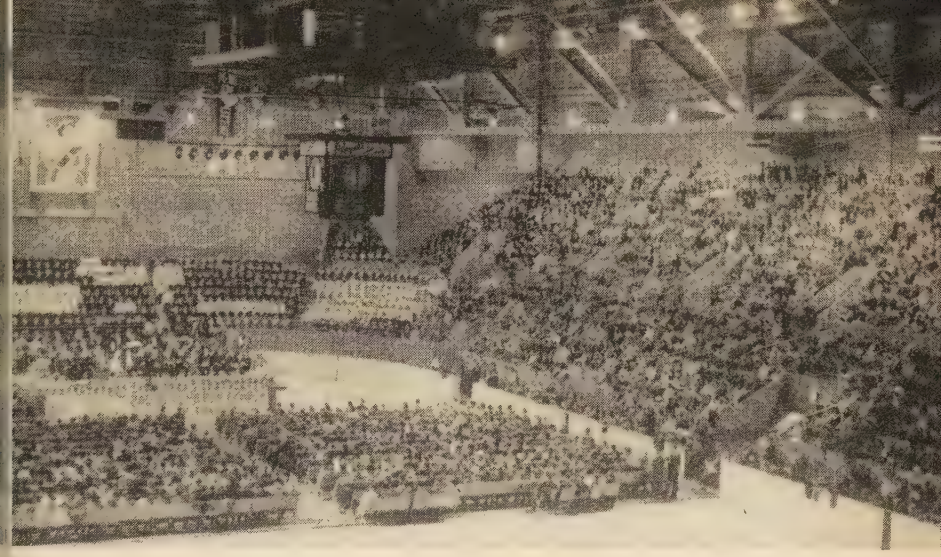
Kitchener church-goers had attended earlier services to leave ample space for visitors at the later services. Typical congregation was that at St. Mark's Church (below). Fourteen congregations in the Kitchener-Waterloo area took part in this special event arranged for the convention.

Visiting preachers filled pulpits at most churches. Above, the Rev. John Mangum of Philadelphia is greeted by youngsters at church door of St. Stephen's after the service.

Before leaving the churches, visitors were introduced to parishioners at whose homes they were to enjoy Thanksgiving

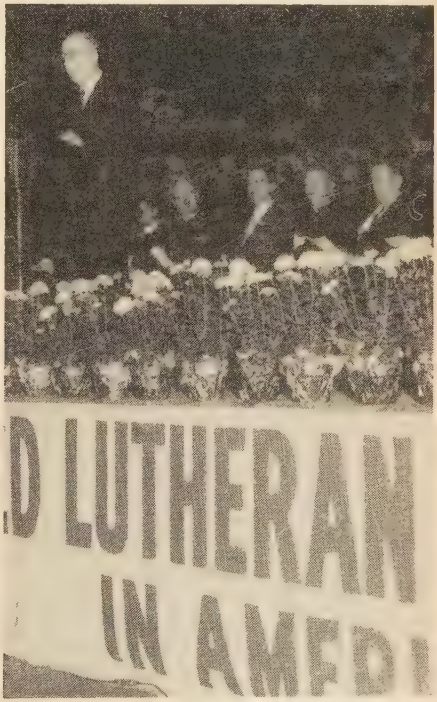
dinner. More than 400 Lutheran home welcomed guests. Above, clergymen Joh Kanyuch (left) of Minneapolis and Pa Chropuvka (right) of Kenosha, Wis., chec cards with their host, Edward Belusa.

Around the festive table (below) gues exchanged views, made new friends. Le of the turkey are Mr. and Mrs. Norma Dotzenroth and their three daughter Guests are Sister Evelyn Houlroyd, Phil delphia; Mrs. Griffith R. Pullinger, Bethl hem, Pa.; and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kincai Birmingham, Ala.



Before proceeding to the great rally in chener Memorial Auditorium (above), ich was attended by 7,000, many visitors k the opportunity to visit Waterloo Col- e and Seminary. Below left, President G. Hagey of Waterloo greets Dr. Gould ckey, ULCA Board of Education execu- e secretary.

Crowd at rally heard addresses by Dr. arence C. Stoughton, president of Wit- berg College (at microphone, below ht) and Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive ector of the National Lutheran Council (seated on platform at extreme right of picture below). Massed choirs of Kitchener and Waterloo churches provided musical program, which was conducted by Dr. Ulrich Leupold of seminary faculty.



Delegates Were Kind to the COS Repor

By ALBERT P. STAUDERMAN

Commission strode grimly to the plate at Toronto swung lustily and compiled a fine batting averag

MEMBERS OF THE Commission on Organizational Structure came to Toronto convention of the ULCA with some misgivings. They had after two years of study proposed drastic changes in the machinery of the church. Total adoption of their recommendations would provide an entirely new orientation of the church's program, with a large concentration of powers in the hands of the Executive Board.

Even before presenting their program to the delegates, the COS made some changes. A supplementary report took into account certain "helpful suggestions" that had been made and provided 27 amendments.

During the entire convention, the front row of Eaton Auditorium was occupied by commission members. Seats were marked "Reserved for COS." For most of the business period, spokesmen for the commission were at the stage microphone, presenting motions, explaining actions, defending their propositions.

Presenting the report to the convention, Commission Chairman W. Carl Satre pleaded for "the same earnest thought and spirit that went into our work." He recognized that words and phrases needed clarification. But a few delegates were ready to make a daring frontal assault on the whole thing. They wanted it recommitted, but lost after scattering arguments by a voice vote. Most delegates realized that without the COS report, the convention would scarcely have an agenda! Another motion to postpone action for two years also lost and then th item-by-item consideration began.

BUT WHEN the dust settled at the clo of the convention, Dr. Satre could sa "The fine and kind way in which yc have received this report is a tribute t the members of the commission and t the convention. We're grateful for th fine spirit in which all the discussion wa carried on, the family relationship of lov that prevailed. Whatever the will of th convention was, the spirit of love pr vailed here."

And Dr. Franklin Clark Fry in h summary of actions said, "We knew fro the start that we weren't going to com plete the immense volume of material the commission's report. I'm really a tounded at how much we have com pleted."

THE COMMISSION had reason to b gratified. Of its 118 original recomme dations, 43 were untouched because lack of time. Fifty-three of the remainin 75 were adopted—a batting average .707! Five times the commission struc out—its recommendations went down defeat. Seventeen were postponed f future action, after study. Of tho adopted, seventeen weren't clean hits— they were amended to some degree. B however it's figured, the COS compile a batting average that would be a ve respectable figure in anybody's league.

In cases where amendments to th ULCA constitution are required, a proval by at least 22 synods is neede

EVERYONE'S ATTENTION FOCUSSED ON THE PLATFORM
Toronto's mayor is greeting delegates to ULCA convention

ore adoption can be called complete. is will give the synods a big opportunity for discussion and debate during next biennium, since about 14 constitutional amendments are involved. endas at synod meetings next year will "loaded"—and a lot of oratory may expected. By-law changes, however, immediately effective by action of the nvention. Changes involving finances l go into effect with the 1956 bienium.

The number of COS recommendations rried over into the 1956 convention l also provide a good deal of business delegates in that year, although Dr. y observed that "it won't be so bulky what we've had at this convention." response to suggestions, Dr. Fry added that "COS should not be continued. It would seem desirable for us not to make the next convention groan under the weight of organizational structure."

To sum up in concise form the changes that have been made because of COS recommendations, or that will be made provided the synods approve constitutional changes before 1956, reveals the following new look in ULCA structure.

THE OFFICERS

The president of the church is the executive officer and chief representative of the ULCA under the new provisions. He will "supervise and direct the carrying out of the policies and decisions of the church made in convention by the Executive Board" and will have "over-

sight of the activities of the office of the secretary and of the office of treasurer." He's also by virtue of his office to be representative of the ULCA to such bodies as the National Lutheran Council, National Council of Churches, and the like.

The treasurer also gets added powers as the chief fiscal officer of the church, but the commission softened its original recommendations that he should supervise finances for all boards, agencies. Under the revised proposal which was adopted, he may give "written advice as to the soundness of financial policies to boards, agencies and auxiliaries . . ."

The comptroller is to serve "under the direction and authority" of the treasurer and may supervise the accounting procedures of all boards and agencies with a view to developing uniform practices that will provide a clearer financial picture.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is empowered to act for the ULCA during the interim between conventions, but the original recommendation was softened to eliminate the statement that the board should be vested with *all* the powers of the convention. The convention remains the supreme legislative body of the church. The Executive Board was given general supervisory powers, however, in a recommendation rephrased to read that "in order to co-ordinate their work (it) shall exercise a general oversight over the officers, boards, agencies and auxiliaries" of the ULCA.

A new Department of Worship has been added to those under the direct control of the Executive Board. Moves to add a Department of Evangelism caboose to the Executive Board train were defeated, however, and the work of evangelism remains for the present a responsibility of the Board of Social Missions.

A Council of Synodical Presiden will be set up as a constitutional body a proposed amendment is ratified, as wi a Committee of Executives (compose of officers of the church, staff secretari of boards, editor of THE LUTHERAN).

ELECTIVE BOARDS

Some recommendations affecting th Board of Publication and the Board Deaconess Work were not discussed b cause of lack of time. Policy control THE LUTHERAN therefore remains wit the Committee on Church Papers, who abolition had been recommended by CO

Only minor recommendations affecte the Foreign Mission Board and the Boar of American Missions. Those concernir the Board of Pensions involved specia ized knowledge and careful study to suc a degree that convention delegates di not attempt to solve them, but referre them to committees for later report.

Board of Parish Education was se arated from the Board of Publicatio which previously had to give approv to selection of editors of church scho material and had subsidized the Paris Education Board to the tune of abo $91,000 annually. Some additional bu get funds ($25,000) were provided f the Parish Education Board, with roya ties on educational material expected make up the rest of their lost income.

Question of moving the Board of Ed cation from Washington to New Yo or Philadelphia finally wound up on th lap of a joint committee to be named t the Board of Education and Executiv Board. The board also got a boost rank—it's now to be the "Board Higher Education."

POLICY AND PRACTICE

Auxiliaries—Women's Missionary S ciety, Brotherhood and Luther League were passed over because of lack of tim

DELEGATES STUDY A RECOMMENDATION
Black-covered COS report required plenty of concentration

s/ actions affecting them prohibited members of these bodies from serv- on elective boards (as staff members oards are also) and provided for a y of the LOYAL program to deter- e by 1956 into whose care it shall laced.

ne Executive Board was given the onsibility of defining and regulating onnel practices among all the em- ing groups. It was also directed to y the possibility of centralized pur- ing for all boards and agencies and epare a plan for the "adequate head- quarters facilities to serve the general agencies of the church."

Fallen by the wayside were recommendations about merging the church's periodicals, designating new titles for staff members of boards and agencies, limiting the indebtedness of boards, and such matters. They may come up in '56.

Recommendation that the new Council of Synodical Presidents study divisions of functions between the ULCA and its constituent synods could not be considered because a constitutional change is first required to set up such a council.

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OUR PROBLEM is to live with the things we cannot change, to find security in the midst of insecurity, and confidence in the heart of confusion.

—HAROLD B. WALKER in *Upper Room on Main Street* (Harper)

AN *un*ORGANIZED CHRISTIAN is most likely to end up as a *dis*organized Christian.

—From *Think on These Things* by JOHN ELLIS LARGE (Harper)

LUTHERANS IN WASHINGTON

Lutheran influence in capital city is growi
with new church center a stimulus to join effo

CHURCH LIFE IN THE CAPITAL

By FREDERICK E. REISSIG

LUTHERANS LAY CLAIM to the oldest congregation in the U.S. capital, District of Columbia, better known as Washington. Georgetown Lutheran Church dates back to 1769, thirty-six years before the national government was placed here, or twenty-one years before this present site was even selected.

Since Washington is generally considered to be more south than north, it takes on much of the religious coloration of the south, with many Methodist, Baptist, and Episcopal churches. It's weak in Evangelical and Reformed, Disciples, Congregational and Lutheran adherents.

During the past ten years, however, the Lutheran church has had a remarkable growth. It is now the fifth largest denomination in metropolitan Washington, numbering thirty thousand members in forty-seven churches.

Four Lutheran groups, and one independent Latvian congregation, make up the Lutheran constituency—United Lutherans have sixteen churches; Missouri Synod, fifteen; American Lutheran, thirteen; and Augustana, two.

The largest Lutheran church is Reformation on Capitol Hill across from the Folger Shakespearean Library, and within a stone's throw of the Library of C gress and Supreme Court Building.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON is 28 cent Negro. The District itself is proximately 33 per cent Negro. The therans have made little inroads into Negro community. United Luther have one small Negro church, and Missouri Synod has a small but thri inter-racial church served by a white tor. The congregation is largely Ne Lutherans are aware of their respo bility to the unchurched colored peo but find it difficult to engage in this w because of the lack of Negro pas and of funds.

Missouri Synod Lutherans sponso congregation of the deaf, and an Esto congregation. They also have pione in the Washington area in paroc school work. One school has 169 pu and five teachers.

Augustana Lutherans have but church in the District, and one in suburbs. The church in the Distric the center of religious life for the Sc dinavians. The personnel of the bassies of these countries participat the life of this church.

LUTHERANS IN THE nation's ca have a fine spirit of co-operation am themselves across the boundaries of four groups, and are not unco-opera with other Protestants. The Luth Pastoral Association membership cludes all pastors of all four groups. American Lutheran pastor is presi The Lutheran Inner Mission Society a Missouri Lutheran layman as p

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. All four groups are represented he board of directors.

addition to supporting the Inner ion Society, the Missouri Lutherans support a chaplain-at-large who gives time to ministering in hospitals and ul institutions. The Lutheran laymen ne Washington area a few years ago nized the "Lutheran Laymen's Fel- hip." Its membership is composed nen from all four Lutheran groups.

SHINGTON CENTER

WILLMAR L. THORKELSON

LL MAJOR AGENCIES of U.S. Lutheran rch bodies in Washington are con- rated at a single address. The new neran Church Center at 2633 Six- teenth Street, Northwest, in the Meridian Hill section, represents an impressive advance in intersynodical relationships.

The National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which together represent virtually all Lutherans in America, have jointly purchased the center, a five-story building with 65 rooms and an additional nine-room masonry dwelling attached.

They paid $240,000 for it and have spent an additional $120,000 in remodeling it. The NLC bore 60 per cent of the cost, and the Missouri Synod, 40 per cent. A board of six men—three from the NLC and three from the Missouri Synod—operate it. Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen, a United Lutheran pastor and Washington reporter for THE LUTHERAN, is manager.

NEW LUTHERAN CENTER IN WASHINGTON

Largest of the eight agencies in the center (on a basis of personnel) is the Armed Forces Commission of the Missouri Synod. This commission had outgrown its previous rented headquarters and was searching for a new one. Then someone suggested that they buy a still larger building into which all Lutheran agencies in the capital could move.

Dr. Van Deusen, who is Washington secretary of the NLC's Division of Public Relations, emphasizes that the center is not intended as headquarters for Lutheran "lobbying" activities. Rather, as far as his agency is concerned, it is to keep the government informed about the churches' work and to keep the churches informed about what goes on in government. Occasionally, leaders of NLC-member bodies come to Washington to make the influence of the church felt on specific legislation, but Dr. Van Deusen's job, by directive, is only to arrange the contacts, not to lobby.

His counterpart in the Missouri Synod is Miss Olinda M. Roettger, who heads the Washington office of the Synod's Department of Public Relations.

The Missouri Synod's Armed Forces Commission ministers to more than 30,000 men in military camps and hospitals around the world. It sends them prayer books, identification tags, tracts and copies of a monthly magazine, which contains a complete order of service for private worship, including a sermon. Directing the work of this commission are Chaplain Kenneth L. Ahl and the Rev. Lambert Brose.

The NLC's Bureau of Service to Military Personnel processes the military endorsement of chaplains from NLC bodies, keeps in touch with them around the world, sends them literature and equipment and receives monthly reports on their activities. Unlike the Missouri Synod's commission, it does not atter to follow up all the servicemen of N bodies from a central office. Rather provides parish pastors with literat to follow up their own men. Chapl Engebret O. Midboe is the new direc of this bureau.

Together, the NLC bureau and Missouri Synod commission form Lutheran Service Commission, wh represents the farthest step yet taken this country in inter-Lutheran co-ope tion. This commission operates 45 se ice centers in the United States abroad in areas of heavy troop conc tration. It has a joint board represen the NLC and the Missouri Synod wit single treasury. Serving as its joint retaries are Dr. Carl F. Yaeger (for NLC) and the Rev. Walter K. Krat (for the Missouri Synod).

Another agency in the center is Chaplaincy Service of the NLC's D sion of Welfare. Headed by the R Carl R. Plack, it works with chaplain veterans' hospitals and in various ty of institutions, including jails. It d much consulting and survey work.

The Board of Education of the Un Lutheran Church also occupies office the center. It serves the ULCA's coll and seminaries and its staff is headed Dr. Gould Wickey, Dr. Mildred E. W ton, and Dr. Vernon L. Strempke. A cent Ph.D. from Boston University, Strempke directs a testing and counse program for all pre-ministerial stud of the ULCA.

Rounding out the agencies in the c ter is the Lutheran Inner Mission ciety, a kind of Lutheran welfare soc for the Washington, D. C., area. S ported by congregations of National theran Council bodies and of the M souri Synod, it is directed by Dr. H M. Orso, a United Lutheran pastor.

FRICA ISN'T NECESSARY

VIRGINIA VEEDER WESTERVELT

A conversation after a busy day showed the school nurse that Christian service can begin right here at home

Miss Windsor removed the starched e cap from her gray hair and bent n to untie her white oxfords. "Any- mind if I slip my shoes off for a ute? What a day! Aren't you tired, . Whitbeck?"

he third grade teacher who had ed the doctor and nurse through the uous period of providing polio in- ations for the school children smiled. uppose I am, but it's been so exciting ing with this experiment that I n't had a chance to think. Wouldn't wonderful if we really licked polio year? When will we know for sure, or?"

Not for some time, I'm afraid," said Baker thoughtfully. "Inoculation is the first step. Checking the results s a longer time."

How do you know which children vaccine and which didn't?"

We have code numbers. But the ldren and their parents won't know afterward if a real vaccination has n place."

Does it work on the same principle as r vaccinations?"

Yes, essentially. By introducing a ll amount of virus into the system, blood immediately manufactures anti- es to fight the invader, and these bodies remain to provide resistance nst the disease germs if they attack in full force."

"What a difference in kids," Miss dsor said. "Some of the biggest boys scared to death, and little Frances Davis said, 'That doesn't hurt much; I do it to my doll, Matilda, all the time.' "

Mrs. Whitbeck smiled. "Frances is in my Sunday school class and she wants to be a nurse-missionary. I suppose after this experience half the boys will decide to become doctors, and the other half research chemists."

"Don't discourage 'em," laughed Dr. Baker. "We need all we can get."

Miss Windsor looked thoughtfully at her white nylon uniform. "I always wanted to be a nurse," she said, "but it never entered my head to be a missionary. Where did Frances get that idea?"

"Oh, we talk about missionaries from time to time in Sunday school, of course. I've told them about Dr. Schweitzer, and how he is a doctor as well as a missionary, and one day Frances announced that she was going to be a 'Nurse Christian.' "

"More power to her," said Miss Windsor. "We need all the nurses we can get, too. There are never enough of us to go around. I'll have to talk to Frances some day. Kids need to be encouraged when they pick out a goal like that. Matter of fact, I wish somebody had talked to me about doing missionary work."

"Don't get any of those ideas," interrupted Dr. Baker. "I can't afford to lose a good school nurse, you know."

"Oh, don't worry—I've been here too long now. But when I was younger . . . well, I just wish I'd had a Mrs. Whitbeck for a Sunday school teacher, that's all."

"We don't realize the influence we have on children," replied Mrs. Whitbeck

soberly. "Sometimes it frightens me to think that something I've said may change a person's whole life."

"If it's a good change, I wouldn't worry," put in Dr. Baker.

"It's an old story to you, I suppose," smiled Mrs. Whitbeck. "You change someone's life every day, either saving it or taking away pain or helping them fight some disease. And now, just think how many lives may be changed by this polio vaccine."

"And if I don't get back to my office," said Dr. Baker, getting up, "my patients will be ready to change my life. See you tomorrow at School 47, Miss Windsor. Don't let her run off to Africa, now, Mrs. Whitbeck. Thanks for all your help with the children."

WHEN THE DOCTOR had gone, Miss Windsor sighed. "I dread School 47—noisiest, rowdiest bunch in the city. I wish you were going to be there, Mrs. Whitbeck. I'll need someone to make me take the long view when I'm working with them."

"The 'Nurse Christian' view?"

"Maybe it will help if I imagine vaccinating Dr. Schweitzer's African tives," laughed Miss Windsor. "But riously, in my talks to the high sch girls about a nursing career, I'm goin stress missionary nursing, even if t do laugh at me."

"Why on earth should they laugh?

"Oh, you know—you can't talk ab religion or Christianity to young f nowadays without being labeled old f ioned. They're not interested in anyth but dates and riding too fast in old ca

"That may be true of some, but young people I know have their seri side, too, and they're intensely intere in world affairs, and especially in mak their lives mean something, which le them into lively religious discussi

want to analyze what they believe, why."

'm ashamed to confess," Miss Windaid, "that I'm still pretty hazy about eligion. I haven't had time to think about it. They used to make me o church when I was a girl, so you t say I was vaccinated with religion, t didn't 'take.' "

UST THE OTHER DAY someone said e been inoculated with a mild form hristianity, so that now we're pracly immune from the real thing. Maynat's true in your case."

never thought of it that way," said Windsor.

Ve try in our Sunday school to make stianity as attractive and alive and inspiring as it can be. By building up a strong faith in God's love, and a real love for all men, everywhere, we feel we give our children all the protection possible against the evils of life."

"And you give the world a Frances Davis, too. Mrs. Whitbeck, I'll say it again: I wish I'd been in a Sunday school class like yours."

"We need a teacher for the junior high class. Maybe you could still do some missionary work right here at home."

"But I don't know how," protested Miss Windsor.

"You're a nurse-teacher, and a Christian with a strong urge to help others. You can learn," smiled Mrs. Whitbeck.

"I'd like to try," said the Nurse Christian.

Dark—But You're a Star!

ALPH W. LOEW

Christian lives can shine with a steady glow that helps to lead others through the darkness

E LIKE A STAR in a dark world.

nat was the radiant challenge of a to his friends who were wondering her there was any reason to believe ll. This was said back in the days n men like Nero held forth and the g for the Christian cause was dif-. It wasn't easy to believe. There no social prestige to it. There was remium offer to it. It was a cause which you literally staked your life. ul of Tarsus, who wrote these words, 't accustomed just to pepping people He was dealing with the stern realiof life. He had no illusions about world. Yet he had a radiant quality which came straight out of his faith. He was able, says one who admires him, "to take a peck of trouble and whip it into a bushel of stars." So he wrote to his friends in the town of Philippi and urged them to find some joy in their lives, to renew their faith and to be pulled out of their depression.

HISTORY IS FILLED with luminous characters whose lives shine like stars. Just when the going is darkest, they shine with a steadiness that encourages others and keeps men from losing hope. What is that inner strength that gives such a strength to some? How can they do it?

Obviously they have found a steadying faith. They believe in something that is unshakeable. They have not gone off chasing the meteors that streak across the skies. Flashy characters come along from time to time to brighten the horizon. Millions follow for a while. Napoleon was one of these. Hitler was another. Stalin another. They've changed mankind's history. They've gone but their wreckage is left. There is disillusionment and agony and terror.

Yet there are others with a more certain brightness. When Jesus talked of Himself as the Light of the world He was recognizing man's need of guidance. We need to follow something, or someone. He was that Light because every dream of man became flesh in him. Men looked at him and found light for their own lives. Looking at him gave Paul reflected radiance and he could talk about us being stars.

WHAT A MAN BELIEVES matters down to the last detail of his life. We thought once in our country that it didn't matter what a fellow believed. Now we know different. What we need to know as well is that his faith is not a badge that he wears, not a label, and not something that is going to keep him safe. It is rather something that is going to give color and meaning and sense to his existence. When he comes to that faith, to the place where there are some things that matter most of all, he has found meaning not only for his own life, but for his fellows as well.

A few years ago I found in a secondhand bookstore a valued little book written by Woodrow Wilson and entitled, *When a Man Comes to Himself.* In it are such sentences as these: "A man is the part he plays among his fellows. He is not isolated; he cannot be. His life is made up of relations he bears to others—is made or marred by those relatio guided by them, judged by them, pressed in them. There is nothing upon which he can spend his spiri nothing else that he can see. It is by th he gets his spiritual growth; it is by th we see his character revealed, his purp and his gifts."

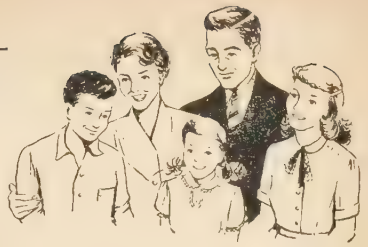
There you have it. Do you have a p of trouble? Or a bushel of stars? you, frankly now, a dark spot or a bri star?

Everyone will remember the little c dren's verse: "Starlight, starbright, star I've seen tonight, Wish I may, w I might" . . . and then you made a w Do you suppose there is someone, see us, who could make big wishes and the power to see them come true? W a man opens his life to great reveren allows the quiet understanding of sc truth to light his own soul, then to amazement some starlight shines thro the dark.

ROGER BABSON once asked Thomas Edison which of all his inventions brought him the most profit. Mr. Edi said, "I have gotten more money for moving pictures than from anything I have done. More pleasure has com me from my efforts with the phonogra But I have received more real satisfact from the incandescent light than fr anything else which I have inven Every time I see a small cottage ligh I realize that that invention has d much to lift the common man out darkness."

There is another kind of darkness of which the common man needs now be lifted. Paul urged his followers think about things which were true, h est, just, pure, lovely, of good rep You might try that today. Maybe it help make your life shine like a to lead someone safely home.

'E MAKE A FAMILY———



)MFORTABLE THOUGHT

ICK YOU UP for the Brotherhood r?" Charlie Mawson came back the curb where he'd been talking astor Ittel as the meeting broke up. hanks, Charlie." Dan was leaning ie front door as we saw our guests "How about my giving you a buzz rrow sometime?"

ure. Any time in the afternoon. See neighbors."

IARLIE WAS hardly off the porch be- Dan had the door closed and locked was gathering up plates and coffee in a flash. "Dan," I protested, 'll see you through the front win- and think we could barely wait to nem out of the house."

o what?" Dan laughed. "We've got t up and go to work in the morning, we? The night life in this church lly getting me down."

he first week of the month is always d one—so many things seem to then—but there's only one more ese meetings on faith and life and e got to admit they've been worth ."

h, sure. I think we've started think- bout a lot of things we sort of took anted."

Maybe if we'd had some of these ssions last year, Claire and I dn't have been so dumb about not g out more about that woman."

hat woman? Look, for a week, I've been hearing about that woman ow she was abusing her child. Are ure you and Claire aren't exaggerating the whole thing? Remember, this is a civilized community and people just don't go around clawing their children's faces."

"So that's why you were so quiet during that whole discussion. You thought it was a made-up problem! Well, if you'd heard the woman in the other car next to Claire's you'd know she didn't manufacture it out of her own imagination. That's men for you! Something unpleasant comes up and, oh, never mind, it's just some woman's imagination!"

"Now, now! Take it easy. I didn't say it was imagined. I said maybe it was exaggerated. There's a big difference."

"The main difference, so far as I can see, is that one's polite and the other isn't. In any case, it means you don't have to worry too much about it. I honestly believe it's a wonder Martin Luther ever got the Reformation started without some woman prodding him." I was teasing, of course. Then I realized from the expression on Dan's face that this was the wrong time to be teasing. Somebody was going to end up with hurt feelings if I kept on.

WE'D BEEN GATHERING up the debris from the meeting as we talked. Things were in pretty fair shape. "My goodness," I exclaimed, giving Dan a push toward the stairs, "what are we standing around here for? Don't you know we have to get up tomorrow?" He put his arm around me and we went up laughing.

Once settled in the darkness, however, I could not get to sleep. The discussion kept going around in my head. We'd

been talking about evangelism again. Sometimes, it doesn't seem we've gotten much beyond Cain's old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Mr. Lehr had expressed the idea that a lot of people seem to live by, although they don't say it, that in this country everyone who wants to go to church can do so and while he's in favor of sending missionaries to countries that have never heard the gospel, he thinks if people around here don't want to come it's "their privilege to go to hell in their own way if that's what they want. It's a free country. You can't make people come if they don't want to, no matter if you stand on your head to urge them."

Then Mrs. Buch spoke up and said the thing we have to do is build up our own churches so they are attractive enough to make people want to come. If each of us works as hard as possible to make our church beautiful and its organizations interesting, people will just want to come. Look at the Woman's Club and the Rotary and the Lions.

THAT LED on to the subject of how many people actually try to live out the things they hear in sermons. Pastor Ittel brought up the subject himself, so it was his own fault if he didn't like what people said. I was glad I could say I listen and try to live it, because it seemed as though somebody ought to. Most of them thought people always see how the moral part of the sermon applies to the person they are quarreling with right then.

Seems you can't ever stop with one thing about the Christian life. We got to talking about bad feelings in the church. Everyone knows we ought to live together in peace and friendship.

"And I think for the most part we do." Mrs. McIvor is so quiet and has said so little at any of these meetings that we all turned to listen to her. "You shoul speak ill of the dead, but really, I th those novels of James Street about those nasty quarreling Baptists and they practically tortured their minis and their ministers' families can do awful lot of harm. Why, I've known B tists who were lovely people!"

WE ALL LAUGHED and agreed that had too. I was afraid we'd throw her balance with our quips, but she w right on. "And what's more, I think only reason you notice quarrels in church is that they are so rare. Take other group of people. There's this doesn't like that one and this clique w work with that. All in all, I think th less of it in the church than other pla It's just that we know there ought no be any of it at all."

That's when Claire brought up incident that happened last week. stopped a woman from yelling abusing her son, but she was too u to get the woman's name or the lic of her car. Claire's been worrying a that child ever since. "I've prayed them both. She must have been ne out of her mind to act like that in pu for she didn't sound like that sort w she got control of herself. But all time I'm praying I keep thinking I'm ing the Lord to do what he handed to and I muffed."

That's when Mrs. Schmidt had the word. Charlie was looking at his in a kind of worried way, when Schmidt leaned forward. "I guess w all done that one time or another. M we've all missed chances to do the C tian thing, be our brother's kee That's where we've got to have fait God. Remember he has that family his mind as much as you have."

I drifted off to sleep thinking of Schmidt and her comfortable goodn

OW THE BIBLE

ERIES OF COMPARISONS OF KING JAMES AND REVISED NDARD BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

ALPH D. HEIM

THEIR PREFACE to the Revised dard Version the revisers pay tribute e King James Version as "the noblest ument of English prose."

deserves the accolade. Yet monus, dare one say, can be imperfect rkmanship and may grow outmoded rm. This pertains to the English in KJV. There are archaic words and forms. The punctuation is obso- Some of the spelling is outdated. lo not use quite the same syntax any . There is even bad grammar!

rhaps people will be saying similar s about the RSV when enough time passed. We can hope, though, that will be constant correction of mis- , and frequent revisions, so that fter the Bible will be kept in tune contemporary language. What we ld have is not a "monument" of English prose but a constantly im- ng instrument for current living.

e printed passages show instances e the RSV had to correct the KJV's ment of singular and plural num- n subject and predicate.

FOR OTHER CORRECTIONS of lan- e usage, the revisers gave careful tion to the tenses of verbs. This re- d in such a change as we have in 8:22. The KJV reads, "They bring d man unto him, and besought him ch him"; the RSV says, "Some peo- rought to him a blind man, and d him to touch him."

With regard to indefinite pronouns we have become accustomed to the KJV's "no man." Yet this is not proper in such an expression as "No man knoweth the Son, except the Father." It should be, and is in the RSV, "No one . . ."

Another interesting change is to recognize that the subjunctive mood is going out of use. John 9:31, in the KJV reads, "If a man be a worshipper of God . . ."; in the RSV, "If any man is . . ."

In all such matters the revisers had a twofold responsibility and they honored it: to make a more accurate translation, correcting errors and utilizing new knowledge; to make the language more modern and more effective.

(King James Version)

And so also was James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon.

(Revised Standard Version)

And so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. (Luke 5:10a)

(KJV) And they did eat, and were all filled; and there was taken up of the fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

(RSV) And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces. (Luke 9:17)

(KJV) And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation; they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

(RSV) When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah." (Luke 11:29)

(KJV) Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him.

(RSV) Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if any one knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him. (John 11:57)

Personal Problem Clinic

Too busy

QUESTION: My brother is always rushing around in circles. He is involved in so many things and says there aren't enough hours in the days. He has loaded himself up with too many projects and he says there are several additional ones that he should take on. I am afraid that at the rate he is going he will break down and thus disqualify himself from doing anything. I have told him so, but that hasn't changed his mind.

REPLY: It is very fine to have the ambition to do many things which appeal as important and worthy. It is equally reprehensible to be negligent. There is much to be done in our world and there are generally too few qualified or willing to get under the load. But one person cannot do the work of a half dozen—at least not for very long.

Observation indicates that many of the things with which people busy themselves are not important enough to justify the effort or the time. Many persons decline to do church work because they are "too busy," or "haven't time." They need to take an inventory of their time and their undertakings, rule out the inconsequential items, and concentrate on the most worthy and important.

Let me suggest that your brother keep a record of his doings for two weeks. A record card may be used. It ought to be ruled off with a space for every half-hour from six in the morning to eleven o'clock at night. He should record what he does every half-hour. Then, at the end of two weeks, the two of you can study the record together, discuss the time given to each project, and determine which of his activities are commendable and which are useless or of little importance. He can then select for continuance those which he thinks deserve time and energy, and do them well. The others may be left to someone else, or forgotten. A friend of mine used a device of this sort, and at the end of the study ruled out about half of what he was trying to do. had been doing a large number of use things.

Aloneness

QUESTION: For a good many years sister and I lived together, but two y ago she died. We had had a pleasant With her going my troubles began. days and weeks have been long, and life been nearly intolerable. I have been so feated that I have made very little e to do any visiting and very few people c to see me. I felt unable to keep up church work so I dropped it—there plenty of others to do it. My loss ha fected my health. Life is without r interest. While Helen was here it was ferent. I wonder whether there is good book that would tell me what to d

REPLY: There are some books w may give you some help and I am sen you a list. But in the light of what say it is more than books that you You have cut yourself off from hu contacts just when you have needed most. Unless people have rich inne sources they cannot stand to live and without friendly associations other people. We are social beings. our nature calls for companionship.

1) Enter into active association your friends of the past—take the in tive in an unoffensive way. If pos extend the circle of friends and acqu ances.

2) Resume your church work, e picking up what you laid down or ma a new start in service projects.

3) If you still have idle time get a book club or some study group deals with current affairs.

4) Interest yourself in the prob and troubles of other people, and an effort to be helpful.

—EARL S. RUDIS

Preaching at Its Best

God Be for Us. By Robert E. Luccock. Harper. 189 pages. $2.50.

is volume of 15 sermons is illustrative of contemporary preaching at its best. The ges of the book are grounded firmly in key passages from Paul's Epistles (especially ns 8) and supported staunchly by appropriately chosen texts from the Gospels. Upon foundation the author builds with his characteristic clarity a splendid interpretation eless Christian doctrines.

e may read these messages without g that they are merely revised sermons. speak to the heart of modern man. find him at the points of his deepest and there confront him with the gos- Jesus Christ, bringing to bear its mes- of healing love. Because of the serious e of the gospel's answers reflected here, not left with the impression that God's rs to human need are to be lightly

e reader of this book is conscious that eacher of these messages is first of all to his people. They reflect a warmth as can be known only on the basis of a relationship. The great doctrines e church are never coldly intellectual sitions but are God's answer to the pressing questions of our age. Sub- as "The Presence of God," "Prayer," iveness," "Grace," "Human Suffering," nal Life," "Authority," "God's Love," wship of Christians," "Christian As- ce," "Life after Death," and others eveloped in such a manner as to leave ubt as to the majesty and love of God. acher Luccock is a master in the selec- nd use of illustration. and these ser- find him in fine form. They are illumi- by selections from the world of drama, , literature and history, but above all everyday experiences of life.

hlehem, Pa. JOHN W. COBB

ure 25 Centuries Ago

yday Life in Babylon and Assyria. By es Contenau. Translated from the French R. and A. R. Maxwell-Hyslop. St. Mar- ress. 322 pages. $5.

ce archeologists and historians have learned most about Mesopotamia for the years between 700 and 530 B.C., the author chose this period as material for his book. He does not confine himself rigidly to these boundaries, and ventures to trace developments and suggest analogies from the more remote past or more recent times.

The book encompasses the whole scope of culture from houses, clothes, and food to politics, war, learning, and religion. At all points the reader is kept aware of dependence upon archeology. The discoveries have been limited so largely to data about the kings, priests, and other leaders of the society as to provide a relatively limited knowledge about the common man. Every reader could think of some detail he would wish had not been omitted. For example, this reviewer would have liked a clearer picture of the relation between state control and private enterprise in business affairs.

The organization of subject matter might have been improved. The same topic often appears at several different places, though without serious repetition. An index and detailed table of contents help to find desired information, however, so the book can serve as a brief encyclopedia. A map and numerous illustrations add greatly to the volume's usefulness.

Those who desire enlightenment for Bible reading will find the material usual for a book of this kind. There are summaries of the Babylonian stories of creation and the flood, reference to the tower of Babel, a plan of Babylon in the time of Nebuchadnezzar, illustrations of the ancient significance of names and numbers. During the period of history covered by the book,

the Old Testament had its closest contacts with Assyria and Babylon.

Chicago Seminary ROBERT J. MARSHALL

Christians Love Life

Smoke on the Mountain. By Joy Davidman. Westminster. 141 pages. $2.50.

The author was moved to write this interpretation of the Ten Commandments because "much of the sickness of our age comes of regarding the law as a set of narrow prohibitions instead of a positive command to courageous life and the love of God." She has succeeded in showing that the Christian life can be free from the fear of life itself, a life of joy and happiness.

A true Christian obeys the commandments with a positive attitude. He makes the most of his life. He takes no delight in the "blind enjoyment of the present moment," nor does he succumb to the "sins of the devil: bitterness and pride, with a rejection of the present and a desperate attempt to play God by getting control of the future" (being anxious about the morrow). The good things of this life are indeed good, and man's enjoyment of them is a foreshadowing of his ultimate enjoyment of God.

The author's plea is that men should turn to God for the sake of God himself. Dynamically written, this book offers profound insights into man's present bewilderment, his false worship of state, sex, science, society, and the common good. The commandments are interpreted historically and in the light of Christ, and the book concludes with Christ's commandment of love.

This book carries the weight of authority and deep experience. JOSEPH B. MOHR

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Inspiration

Power for Life's Living. By Arnold H. Lowe. Harper. 190 pages. $2.50.

The book is well-described by the following sentences from the jacket, "Out of the despair and frustration that grips our time has come a series of best-selling books to minister to the urgent needs of a distracted people—*Peace of Mind, Peace of Soul, The Mature Mind,* etc., from Jewish, Cathl and secular traditions. Here, in the E estant tradition, is a book of wise counse rank in helpfulness and inspirational qu with the milestones named above."

The chapters in such books somet seem episodic and disconnected, but in book the chapters are not merely thr together. The sermons have no text, there are Bible quotations throughout. T is no emphasis on dogmatics or theolog

The chapter headings are challen e. g., "Crowded lives that are empty," waste of our emotions," and "From ex ment to experience." There is an abund of quotable sentences, for example, long some of us have to live before we l that knowledge enlarges the mind, but ble enlarges the heart."

Dr. Loew is pastor of the large V minster Presbyterian Church, Minnea HOWARD A. KUHN

Binghamton, N. Y.

Answer to Doubts

The Golden Book of Immortality. By T C. and Hazel D. Clark. Association Press pages. $2.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have compiled than 300 testimonies of nearly 200 scie writers, philosophers, religious leaders poets on eternal life. These men co that "there is more to life than appea the earthly scene, that its height and d are greater and its reaches wider than be stated in terms of the visible and gible."

While the anthology is intended prim for those who "have doubts and u tainties that life triumphs over death," who believe in immortality will browsing through the testimonies of men as Norman Vincent Peale, Harry E son Fosdick, Helen Keller, Robert Bi ing, G. Bromley Oxnam, and other p nent figures of past and present.

Reading the book from cover to at one sitting will become tiring and m onous, but reading selections when y feeling blue will prove inspiring and you to "the cross—and beyond." A.

——OVERSEAS——

ching Must Be Modern

RWAY: Oslo. Sept. 30.—"PASTORS pt to speak past people of our age," Dr. Sigmund Mowinckel, famous Old ment scholar of the Oslo University, interviewed on his 75th birthday. Dr. nckel continued, "The pastor thinks ust continue using the same words ners have kept on saying for 200 years. nsciously he asks: What are the be- s expecting me to say?—instead of: is needed? It is of no use speaking of grace to people who do not know sin is."

fessor Mowinckel pointed to a prob- which is much greater today than for- . But, in recent years, it seems that hurch more clearly realizes it is at a ce from its people, and it has started to bridge the gulf.

bably the distance is partly due to the h itself. The strength of the Lutheran h of Norway is its biblical preaching its stressing of clear-cut conversion. and broad revivals have several times ht new life—not only to individuals the church as a whole. But the spir- movements following the revivals may te many people from the church.

s happens when Christians urge the ation of believers from unbelievers, p Krohn-Hansen of Bode told a news- some weeks ago. The bishop's sayings strongly criticized by spokesmen of elistic groups. In explaining his view, shop points to the fact that the Church rway is a people's church. (Practically child in Norway is baptized.) That s that the church has responsibility ie whole people. It must serve every- who is baptized, even when he is an iever, said Bishop Krohn-Hansen.

at can the church do to serve such e? Two attempts have been made to the isolation of the church in Norway. are of recent date, and both aim mainly ntacting intellectual groups. Early in September 40 men and women gathered at Skatval, a village near Trondheim, for an informal conference on the relationship between the church and various aspects of modern life.

This was the fourth conference of this type, all sponsored by Bishop Arne Fjellbu of Trondheim. Theologians, scientists, scholars, educators and writers from Norway and Sweden have taken part. These conferences are—at least from a Norwegian point of view—astonishing. A bishop is not commonly expected to take such an active interest in matters lying on the borderline of the church. Many people doubted that the scientists and philosophers would accept the bishop's invitation. During the last half-century there has been very little connection of the church with scientific and cultural life. The atmosphere has even been hostile.

There are now signs that a milder climate is coming. One of these signs is the Skatval meetings. At this year's conference the discussion stressed that the church must meet the needs of modern man just as they are found. It must learn to listen, not only to God but also to men.

Two years ago a center of contact started its work in Oslo. This "institute of church and culture" is led by a small group of younger church members, mostly laymen.

At the opening meeting this autumn one of the leaders of Germany's Evangelical Academies, Dr. Eberhard Muller, will speak on "The world has changed—will the church take the consequences?" Among other themes this season are: "Modernism in contemporary writing," "The fear of our age," "Should the church be liberated from her dogmas?" "Has the Christian religion something to say to intellectuals—or is it for innocents only?"

This series of meetings deals with questions of home and education, a field where we have seen strong attacks on the Christian view in the last years. As a rule, there will not only be speakers who see the subjects from a Christian point of view, but also the opposite.

—ENOK ADNOY

Pastor Charles E. Fair of Christ Church, Levittown, Pa., did a landslide business at the first l
tismal service held in the new church building. Twenty-six babies were baptized at a service Oc

INDIANA

Indiana Synod Retreat Makes Plans for Fall

By ROBERT H. HEINE

FORT WAYNE—Major boards and committees of the Indiana Synod met with the officers at Camp Lutherwald for a retreat Aug. 31-Sept. 1 to plan the work of synod for the coming year. The Rev. Robert Heine, Fort Wayne, keynoted the retreat with his message on "The Christian Hope." He pointed out that the Christian hope speaks to the work of boards and committees of the synod in four ways. 1) It emphasizes human responsibility. Man is accountable to God. 2) It reveals a relationship between our work and history, for history is the process whereby God realizes His purpose and goal. 3) The Christian hope emphasizes evangelism and missions. "The church does not have forever." 4) It promises that every deed done in the Lord's name is not in vain.

Synod President F. M. Hanes warned against complacency. "We need to increase our zeal, seek a new and fuller vision of the Church of Jesus Christ, and to pray for guidance in the tasks that lie ahead," said Dr. Hanes.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL CONFERENCES of synod held a joint meeting at Camp Lutherwald Sept. 12-13. Dr. H. Grady Davi the Chicago Seminary addressed the con ence banquet in Zion Church, La Gra

The conferences of synod have been signed a "Package Promotion" plan w is to be carried to every congregation in synod. Teams of pastors and laymen present the work of the synod and the UL to each congregation. Pilot meetings being planned for Bethlehem Chu Indianapolis; St. Mark's Church, Aub and the Spencerville parish.

EBENEZER CHURCH, Indianapolis, the l Wilbur E. Allen pastor, dedicated its church building Sept. 26. Guest speaker the dedicatory services included Dr. H and the Hon. Henry F. Schricker, for governor of Indiana and an active Luth layman.

MT. ZION CHURCH, La Grange, the l T. L. Hertenstein pastor, will celebrate centennial the week of Oct. 10-17. For pastors of the congregation, Virgil Y W. E. Weber, J. S. Hoenstine, and Con ence President W. D. Oberholtzer will sp

ST. JOHN'S, Elwood, the Rev. Alber Birch pastor, has renovated its parson inside and out. The congregation has ceived a bequest of $350 from the es of the late Amelia Werk Bertram.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Darlington, the l Alan J. Kieffer pastor, presented the theran God-Home-Country 4-H Club av

Marthlou Grimes at the congrega-
17th anniversary and homecoming.

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Areas Surveyed

lission Churches

By CHRISTIAN P. JENSEN

USE—New mission fields will open
lew York. The Lutheran Society of
e and Onondaga County sponsored
y in conjunction with the Board of
n Missions. Three areas were inves-
Dewitt, Fayetteville and Manlius.
e society's annual meeting Sept. 27
ohn and St. Peter's parish house, of-
lected were Dr. Frank H. Shimer,
t; Joseph Clarke, vice president;
ie Rumpf, secretary; and Mrs. Ken-
uglas, treasurer.

REEFOLD installation service for the
avid L. Vogel was held Aug. 22.
services were in St. Paul's Church,
d; Evangelical Church, Orleans Four
; and Christ Church, Black Lake.
. Norbert H. Stracker, Jr., president
erence, officiated. The Rev. Wallace
f Salina preached.

al Conference met in Christ Church,
alls, Sept. 14. Dr. Frederick R.
president of the New York and
ngland Synod, told the conference,
ange is good if it is in the right di-
" The plan for the reorganization
l was presented.

TION DAY at the Home for the Aged
1 Sept. 19. The Rev. Robert Nelson,
rought the message. The home is
ng enlarged.

en's Retreat at Big Moose in the
ack Mountains, Sept. 24-26, at-
132. Speakers were the Rev. Wallace
r, Lancaster, Pa., and Dr. Edward
, Philadelphia. The Rev. Richard
, Churchville, will be the spiritual
for 1955 assisted by Dr. John Dudde,
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mation service for the Southern Tier churches will be held at Christ Church, Norwich, the Rev. Myron Jaenecke pastor, Oct. 31. The speaker will be Dr. Wallace Klinger, professor of history at Hartwick College, Oneonta.

MISS CORDELIA COX, director of Refugee Service of the National Lutheran Council, New York City, filled two speaking engagements Sept. 27. She spoke to the Association of Lutheran Pastors of the Southern Tier and later at a general meeting in Binghamton. Second speaker was Charles Sternberg of the International Refugee Organization.

Charles LeBaron Goeller, long-time member of Redeemer Church, Binghamton, has prepared a chart entitled, "Outline of Early History of the Christian Church." The chart indicates that the present Roman Catholic Church is the result of long development, rather than the Roman claim that Rome was always the center of Christian influence and work. Mr. Goeller has made copies of his chart available for congregations.

MORE THAN 800 persons attended the dedication and open house for the new par-

Indiana Synod Treasurer John Holaday exhibits his catch to President F. M. Hanes and Vice President Walter Wick at synodical retreat.

NEW YORK . . .

ish house at St. Paul's Church, Oswego, Sept. 19. The building contains an auditorium, 14 classrooms, a pastor's study and a lounge completely furnished in modern decorations. Named "Kessler Memorial" in honor of the Rev. R. G. U. Kessler, who served St. Paul's for 32 years, it is the most modern building of its kind in Oswego. Mayor Robert G. Iles said, "You have led the way, we others of Oswego are glad to follow." Other speakers included the Rev. Norbert H. Stracker, president of the Central Conference; the Rev. John A. W. Kirsch, a former pastor of the church. The act of dedication was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Arthur W. Hergenhan.

The spirit of the people of St. Paul's Church was manifested in the midst of the costly building program. The church council voted $1,900 of current funds to benevolences, when it was discovered that receipts were not up to the apportioned quota for synod.

OHIO

Church Building Booms

By E. R. WALBORN

BUILDING GOES on in all corners of Ohio. Largest project is at First Church, Springfield, Frederick F. Mueller pastor. There a $200,000 educational building is under way. It will provide a recreation center, a scout activity room, three choir rooms, three offices and council room, 14 classrooms, and an altar guild workroom. Provision will be made for an elevator to the second-floor sanctuary.

A financial campaign in 1952 brought in $86,000. A second campaign last spring brought another $44,000.

Sept. 26 Emmanuel Church, New Philadelphia, James N. Fisher pastor, broke ground for an educational building. It was necessary to sell the old parsonage next door to the church to provide space for the addition. A new parsonage four blocks away has been purchased.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, North Balti David S. Witwer pastor, is raising for a project which will eventually in a complete worship and educational ing. Preliminary plans have been dra Mr. Marlo Line, teacher of architectu the University of Chicago. Mrs. Lin member of the congregation.

From operation of a food stand a Wood County Fair the past two yea congregation has netted $4,200 for the ing fund. In addition the Brotherhoo farmed a 35-acre plot on shares.

TRINITY CHURCH, Arcadia, also serv Pastor Witwer, is seeing its "Miracle House" become a reality. Members been doing plumbing, glazing and pa The total cost is estimated at under $2 The main unit will seat 224 persons.

WESTWOOD CHURCH, Dayton, Carl and Arthur Fabian pastors, began co tion this fall on a $250,000 building de by T. Norman Mansell, Philadelphia architect.

The congregation has an entire city on which to build, and will have park 100 cars. Christian education has be chief concern in the planning. The b will provide two chapels for the n one for beginners, two for primary ch one for juniors, one for intermediates iors and adults will use the church for Bible classes.

OHIO CONGREGATIONS are supportin major relief programs.

A branch office of the Lutheran R Service for Ohio and Indiana has opened at Toledo at the Northwest Lutheran Welfare Service, directed b Ellen Niemi. More than 1,100 co tions of the National Lutheran Coun Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod cluded under a joint committee led b tor Frederick M. Otto, Fremont. Th has 500 names on file as potential grants to these two states.

Rural areas in Ohio are being ca for corn by an All-Lutheran Food committee. Pastor David L. Scharf, Ridge, is the Synod of Ohio chairma

mission societies will gather cloth-
he Thanksgiving collection for Lu-
World Relief. Centers at Toledo,
Columbus, Springfield, and Youngs-
ave facilities for gathering clothes.
ld and Canton congregations will
ovide centers. At Dayton in the last
months the value of the 35 tons of
sent to Lutheran World Relief ex-
the dollar intake of the industrial
ent of the Inner Mission League of
mi Valley, reports Supt. Forrest R.
rner.

NG THE CONGREGATIONS . . . Anniver-
bserved include the 140th at Holy
Church, North Canton, Walter E.
pastor, Sept. 12. President George
ey spoke. A basement addition and
rnishings were blessed.
eter's Church of the Rows parish
ed its 120th anniversary Sept. 19.
ating were Robert H. Secrist, pastor
ug. 1, now at Calvary Church, East
nd; former Pastor Charles F. Sheriff;
president of synod.
26 Trinity Church, Stoutsville,
Csaszar pastor, observed its centen-
Conference President Joseph W.
Miamisburg, a son of the congrega-
oke.

after his arrival at Witten-
College, Springfield, Ohio,
Eivind Berggrav, former pri-
the Church of Norway, chats
to K. Jensen, Indianapolis,
of Wittenberg's Board of
and Dr. Clarence C. Stough-
sident of the college. The
participated in cornerstone-
ceremonies for the chapel-
speaking on the topic, "The
Basis of Freedom." He re-
the degree, Doctor of Hu-
tters, from the college.

PENNSYLVANIA

New Conference Votes To Set Up Inner Missions

By R. R. CLARK

GETTYSBURG—Recently realigned West Pennsylvania Conference of the Central Penn Synod launched two new programs at its September meeting. The delegates convening in First Church, Chambersburg, voted unanimously to hold a conference-wide preaching mission in October 1955. They also authorized their social missions committee to organize a Conference Inner Mission Society. Delegates voted to transfer the Liverpool charge to the Juniata Conference and to dissolve the Arendtsville charge so that Flohrs and Trinity congregations may each call a pastor. The conference includes 82 congregations in Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, and Perry counties.

MORE THAN 900 laymen and pastors attended the one-day school of church music and worship in Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College, Sept. 18. Sponsored by the synodical committee on worship, sessions gave opportunity for discussion on the new service book and hymnal, led by Drs. Luther D.

PA.: GETTYSBURG . . .

Reed and Edward T. Horn, III. Seminars on special interests such as "The Selection of Church Organ Music," "Anthems for Adult Choirs," "Children's and Youth Choirs," "Architectural Principles in Church Renovations," "Christian Service in the Choir," "Ushering," and "Worship through Church Plays and Dramas" were led by Herbert Springer, Mrs. John C. Seibert, Dexter Weikel, Pastor Ellerslie Lebo, Frederick Snell, Joseph Ray, and Margaret Board.

Temporary superintendent of Tressler Home for Children is the Rev. Justus H. Liesmann of All Saints' Church, Baltimore, president of the board of trustees. A committee consisting of J. Frederick Gehr, the Rev. Paul B. Lucas, H. S. Smeltzer and George Black has been named to nominate a successor to Superintendent Luther Grossman, who died in August. Election of the new superintendent will occur in January.

AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS . . . Trinity Church, Chambersburg, now gives full support to two missionaries, reports Pastor Clarence Neal: Miss Kathryn Keller in Mexico, and the Rev. Paul H. Feil in Japan.

Anniversary celebrations were held recently by St. Paul's Church, McConnellsburg, the Rev. David R. Hoover pastor (150th), and St. Paul's Church, Carlisle, the Rev. Elmer Truchses pastor (100th). Each congregation celebrated with a week of services in renovated buildings.

Trinity Church, Mechanicsburg, P
cently received $15,667 because a w
not made soon enough. Elizabeth King
Trinity Church $1,000 and a third
interest of a trust fund formed by th
due of her estate, but her will was no
the necessary 30 days before her de
the $1,000 would not be awarded to
Church. However, she left no sta
about the estate of her father, the c
tion of which had been given to her
will. Attorneys argued that the inva
had indicated her intentions regardi
father's estate. As a result, although
did not receive the $1,000, it did re
$15,667 portion of the father's estate

Trindle Springs Church held a ch
treat Sept. 19, with their pastor, Cha
Rowe, as leader.

First Church, Chambersburg, the
Martin Foutz pastor, spent over $1
for a new colonial chapel in the
school room, complete with electro
gan, and for a neighboring public
building which has been converted i
ditional Sunday school classroom spac
Church, Greencastle, the Rev. John H
pastor, has added a nursery room
Sunday school, and altar rail and k
cushions to its chancel. First Church
Oxford, the Rev. George Sheffer pas
rededicated nave and Sunday schoo
and laid a new carpet. First Church, C
dedicated an organ-harp as a memo
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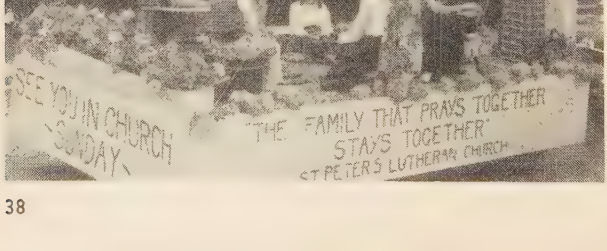

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Church felt there shou
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worth the effort.

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OFFICIAL VISITOR from this area to ld Council of Churches sessions at n was the Rev. G. Martin Ruoss, of St. Mark's Church, Mechanics- His congregation held a preaching in October, with Dr. C. C. Ras- Gettysburg Seminary professor, as r.

'LVANIA

onary Visits Help volence Gifts Grow

By W. C. ROEGER

ISTOWN—Emmanuel Church, Potts- a big church, and does things in a . During the first nine months of contributed a record sum of more 7,000 to benevolences. The pastor, her A. Krouse, credits this to fre- ontacts the congregation has with ion work of the church. Among re- ntacts is the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Manikam of India. Dr. Manikam, cretary of the World Council of s for East Asia and president of the n Church Federation of India, in his days in this country was a member manuel Church. Another recent as Miss Jessie Mae Cronk, mission- India. The congregation's own for- ssionary, the Rev. Ernest Flothmeier ia, will visit Emmanuel in October.

VERSARIES ARE IN THE AIR! Members Peter's Church, Hilltown, observed th anniversary of the founding of rch this month. In September they d the 50th anniversary of the found- he Women's Missionary Society.

y Church, Lansdale, celebrated the niversary of the pastorate of the /. Paul Reumann Sept. 19. The r was Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive of the National Lutheran Council mer superintendent of the German- ome, where Pastor Reumann was a member and officer of the board for 16 years. Other participants in the service were

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PA.: NORRISTOWN . . .

President Emeritus Luther D. Reed of the Philadelphia Seminary and the Rev. John H. P. Reumann, assistant professor at the seminary and son of Pastor Reumann. At a surprise banquet following the service gifts were presented to Pastor and Mrs. Reumann.

REFORMATION SERVICES scheduled for this territory included one at St. John's Church, Phoenixville. Dr. John Doberstein of the Philadelphia Seminary preached. Acolytes choirs, church councilmen, and pastors of St. John's and Central Churches, Phoenixville, and Centennial and St. Peter's Churches, West Pikeland, formed a cession from Central Church to St. A joint Lutheran and Reformed was held in St. Peter's Church, Hi with the affiliated congregations at H and Dublin participating and Pasto liam C. Roeger of St. James' Church font, preaching.

LEADERSHIP training schools are " out all over." Among the schools no rating in the conference are the North School at Souderton, the Pottstown at Grace Church, and the District at Spring City. At Pottstown Dr. Lut Krouse is teaching "Modern Social lems," Pastor George F. Eichorn is te "The Church Through the Centuries tor Walter Schaefer is telling abou nority Religious Cults," and Pastor B. Umberger is teaching "The Gosp cording to St. Luke." Chaplain of the is Pastor Edgar M. Cooper.

A new course, "Studies in Christia Arts," is being offered in the Sprin School by Pastor Samuel L. Koons Arline Winter conducts the class, "Y Teach," and Pastor Paul Howells is "A Biblical Vocabulary for Teachers Pastor Robert M. Lamparter teache Epistle to the Romans." St. John's C Ambler, is conducting a school for action with speakers on juvenile delin alcoholism, labor relations, and socia lation.

The conference Luther League helc tional rally recently at Emmanuel C Souderton, with a leaders' training ence, devotional meeting, and socia At St. Luke's Church, Dublin, an in diate Luther League was formed, c ing a roster of interest groups for ev from 2 to 100. St. Luke's Brotherh cently heard reports from the four bo sent to Camp Miller, synodical boys Pastor William A. Davis of St. Luk speaker at a dinner meeting of 12 from the brotherhoods of St. Andre Trinity churches in Perkasie.

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ng again this year on a community sing the texts recently issued by the Boards of Parish Education and tion. The school operates in grades igh 6. In addition to St. Andrew's inity, Perkasie, St. Michael's Church, ville, is co-operating.

Grace Church, Royersford, the con- on has completed another major step roving and enlarging their church y. Recently rededication services eld. Preacher was Dr. Karl S. Henry Board of American Missions, and irgist was Dr. J. O. Henry, superin- emeritus of the Lutheran Home at , the brother and father of the pastor, Henry. Dr. Edgar S. Brown, secre- f conference, also participated to- with local pastors and Dr. Roy s, former pastor of Grace and now missions superintendent of the Min- n of Pennsylvania.

ch Stresses Vocations

By A. W. LAWVER

LIAMSPORT—A service of dedication eld at St. Mark's Church, Dr. I. S. an pastor, Sept. 12, upon the com- of renovations and improvements. wight F. Putman was preacher. In the evening a youth fellowship service was conducted, with "Service Opportunities Offered in the Professions" as the theme. At-

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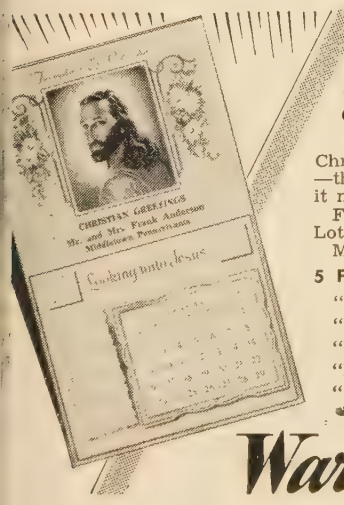

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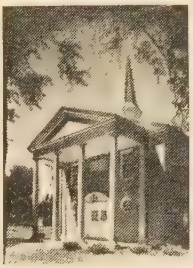

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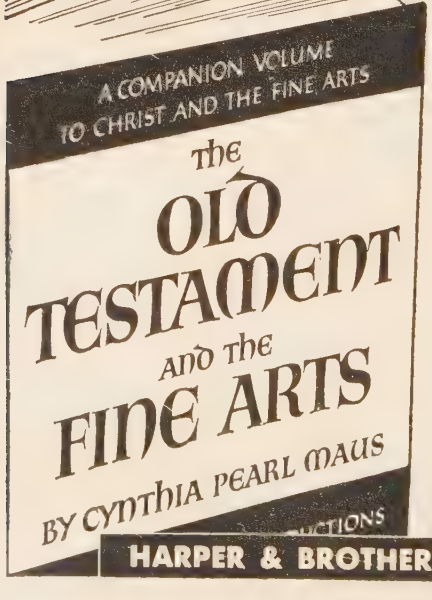
"MAN'S BASIC need is spiritual pric said President Ralph C. Robinson to th annual convention of the York Confe in St. Matthew's Church, Hanover. A ficers were retained, having been electe a two-year term at the organizational ing last year. Mr. Claude O. Meckle elected to the executive committee.

Trinity Church, East Berlin, mark 65th anniversary Oct. 17. Prof. Fran



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wardship workshops were held in the Conference at St. Matthew's Church, Oct. 25, and at St. Matthew's Church, er, Oct. 26.

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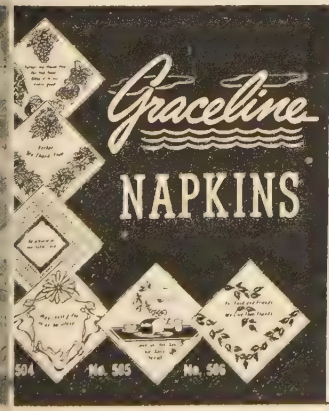

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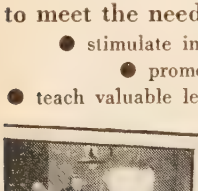

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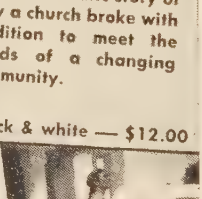
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president, pictured the expanded hom sion program of synod. Pastor C Housewright discussed race relations; Hugo Rathcamp acted as chaplain. Koehler of Cuero was registrar.

Others sharing in the program we Rev. Philip Wahlberg, chairman of gelism for synod; the Rev. David I chairman of synod's social committe H. C. Hoisington, chairman of the st ship committee; Billie Grace Ungerer, worker, Austin; the Rev. F. E. Eilers chairman.

Members of the stewardship pane laymen Ed Overbeck, Grace Church, ton; Douglass Ham, Garland; Edga man, Shiner; Herbert Sager, St. Church, Corpus Christi.

A camp-naming contest had bee nounced at the camp-blessing service i Winner of the contest is Charles Vo of Weesatche, a freshman at Texas Lu College, Seguin. New name of the c "Lutherhill." Charles will receive a free camping next year as his reward

SIX NEW SOCIETIES were added roster of the synodical Women Church at the annual convention Sept at First United Church, Dallas.

Speaking to the 164 delegates and were Dr. Frank Langham, district of the American Bible Society; Dr. Forest Eisenbise from the American to Lepers, and the Rev. Hugo Rat who conducted the communion servi

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CHICAGO—In recognition of his 3 service as their pastor, members o Church, Chicago, presented the Re Doering with keys to a new car. W was missionary superintendent of Pastor Doering organized this congr

has 278 communing members.

rvice Sept. 26 at Zion Church, Bell- Ill., honored 20 years of service by /. Berthold Korte. President of synod, R. Belter, and the Rev. R. Sedo of il's Church, Chicago, were speakers. aster at the banquet was Dr. Robert Marshall of Chicago Seminary. The president of the congregation presented Pastor Korte with a check.

TRINITY CHURCH, Golden, Ill., had cornerstone-laying services Sept. 26 for their new church building. President of synod, Dr. R. R. Belter, and the Rev. Ross Aden,

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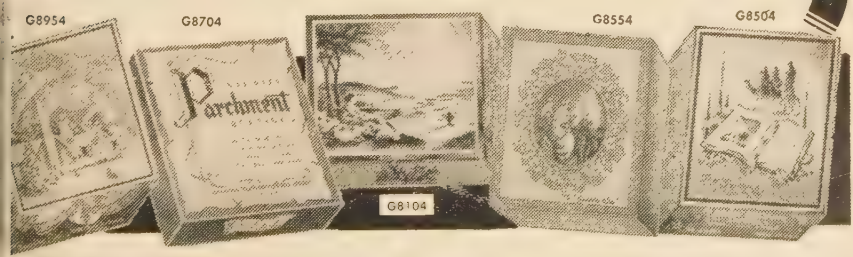

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a son of Trinity now serving the Springs, Ill., parish, preached. Pastor K Braun laid the cornerstone of the In limestone building that will cost $22(

Faith Church, West Joliet, Ill., celeb its first anniversary Sept. 12. This i newest mission in synod. A group c adults was received into membershi Pastor J. J. Lippoldt, making the year's 155 confirmed and 225 baptized mem The recently organized vested choir voices, directed by Mrs. Lippoldt, as at the service.

PASTOR ROBERT BOULTON reports church school sessions in Unity Ch Milwaukee, are now held in multipl sions on Saturday and Sunday each with an enrollment of 650 pupils. The gregation has called Chicago Semi Edward Hammer as associate pastor.

BETHANY CHURCH, Burlington, Iow Rev. M. E. Lehmann pastor, has vot build a new church. The site is two from the present location in a resic section. Old Bethany is in the midst town's business section.

Peace Church, Chester, Ill., the O. M. Meyer pastor, has a new p address system with two microphones chancel, and two speakers in the nav one in the Mother's Room. Another sp has been set up in the church baseme be used for overflow crowds.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Lake Geneva, celebrated its 55th anniversary. Dr. E F. Irvin of Chicago Seminary wa speaker. The church has purchased tw adjacent to the church building for expansion and to solve present p problems.

Zion Church at Walsh, Ill., the Rev. Suechting pastor, requested and re aid from the synodical stewardship mittee in organizing its Every Membe tation. Pastors E. H. Pfeiffer, E. R. E. Aden and W. D. Knappe can most of the members during a fo drive. Pledges were more than double benevolence emphasized.

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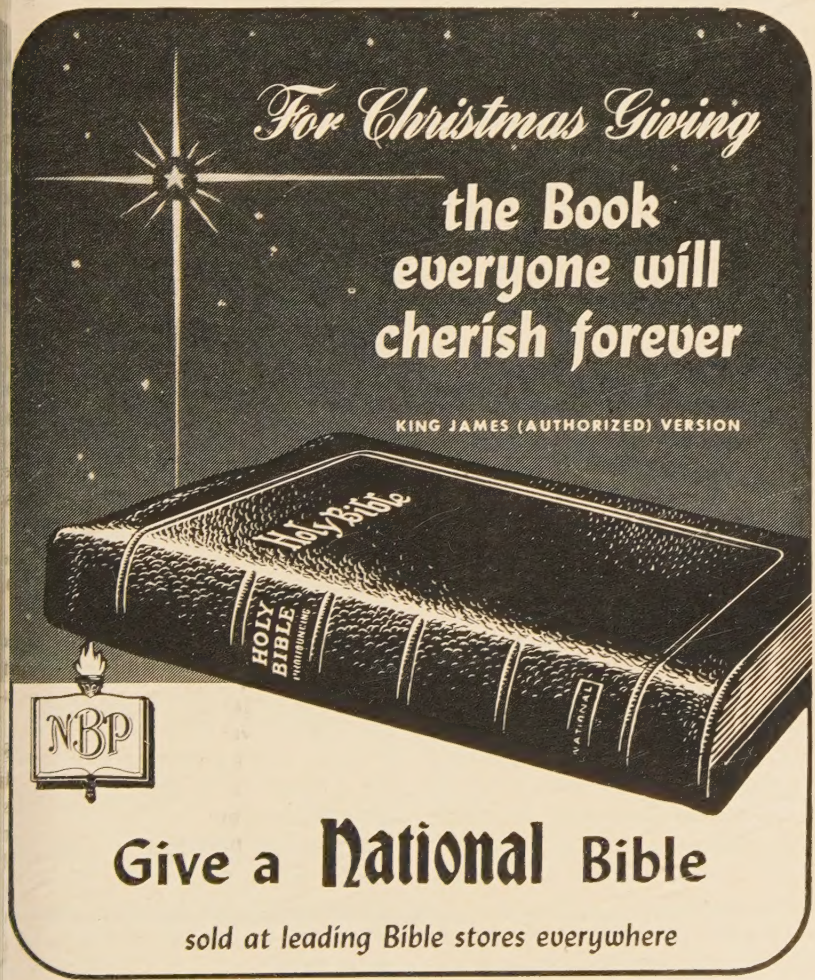

In conclusion . . . . . .

FORTUNATELY I HAVE NOT felt any impulse to write in this space about the political campaign closing in the U.S. this week. The office mail will be only about half as heavy during November as it would have been if McCarthy had been running for office and I had felt obliged to speak on some question of conscience.

As I see this year's electioneering, it has been an old-fashioned party squabble with about equal amounts of truth and falsehood on each side. It is evident that President Eisenhower is trusted and respected by a great majority, but that may not insure victory for his party.

I would like to risk a word of mild criticism of President Eisenhower's theology, not his politics. Four or five years back I ventured an opinion about Mr. Truman's "Golden Rule theology" and got vigorous protests from many people who jumped to the conclusion that I was a (1) Democrat or (2) a Republican.

THIS IS IN no way a question of political parties. I am fascinated, though, by the manner in which a great leader in political life can sum up in his own thinking the average thoughts of so many people. When Mr. Eisenhower confesses his personal Christian faith, he says what millions of others think.

Mr. Eisenhower, since he joined a Presbyterian congregation in Washington, has been unusually faithful in church attendance, and I am sure he is deeply sincere in his belief. He said so, plainly and convincingly, in his speech to the World Council in Evanston. European Christians were amazed that a chief of state would confess his faith so candidly in a public address.

The president emphasized the power of faith, and said that "common and fervent dedication to a noble purpose" tiplies the strength of individuals an tions. But he put in one peculiar tence. "Faith," he said, "is the mig force that man has at his command

That's putting things terribly u down. It makes faith a super-weap achieving our purposes. It's the op of what Christian faith really is.

We remember our Lord in the g in Gethsemane . . . "Father, if the willing, remove this cup from me; theless, not my will, but thine, be d Faith means putting ourselves at command, whatever comes. We are tent that we or our nation may b stroyed, if that is what God intends

TO HARNESS the morale-building of faith to achieve a nation's ambi is ancient tribal religion. To cu our faith for the purpose of ach personal peace of mind, or deve more effective personality, is the s magic-working religion which p practiced 30 centuries ago.

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I DOUBT if you can get far in p on this basis—giving the voters you est service and letting the ballots they will in the next election. You to make a few campaign speeches the public what a thief your oppo grandfather was.

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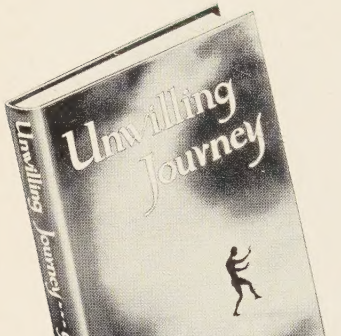

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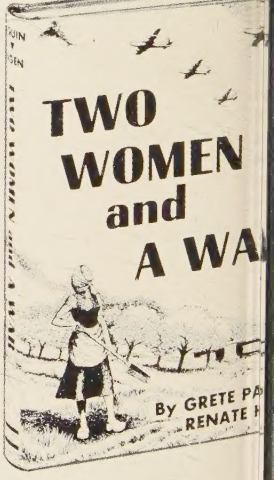

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